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MIAMI BEACH (UPI)--U.S. MARITIME UNIONS SAID SATURDAY THEY WILL BEGIN BOYCOTTING THE HANDLING OF ALL CARGO AND SHIPS BOUND FOR THE SOVIET UNION BY NEXT MONDAY OR TUESDAY UNLESS THE RUSSIAN LEADERS MOVE TO BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND HALT THEIR MILITARY AID TO THE ARABS.

THE BOYCOTT WOULD HIT HARDEST AT THE U.S. GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO THE SOVIET UNION. THE SHIPMENTS ARE A CORNERSTONE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S DETENTE WITH THE KREMLIN.

SATURDAY'S BOYCOTT THREAT WAS ISSUED FOLLOWING A MEETING OF U.S. MARITIME UNION LEADERS ATTENDANT THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION HERE.

PRESIDENT THOMAS W. GLEASON OF THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ILA) SAID THE UNION LEADERS FIRST CONSIDERED BEGINNING THE BOYCOTT IMMEDIATELY. BUT HE SAID THEY DECIDED TO GIVE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, NOW IN MOSCOW, A CHANCE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE SOVIET LEADERS FOR AN END TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI FIGHTING.

"WE DON'T WANT TO THROW ANY MONKEY WRENCH INTO THE DAMN THING IF IT CAN BE HANDLED DIPLOMATICALLY," GLEASON TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE CLOSED MEETING OF UNION LEADERS.

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"BUT THERE'S NOTHING IFFY ABOUT IT AT ALL," GLEASON SAID. "IT'S AN ACTION WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO TAKE IN THE NEXT 48 TO 72 HOURS IF THIS THING DOESN'T WORK OUT DIPLOMATICALLY."

GLEASON SAID THE SOVIET LEADERS HAD AGREED IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON TO HELP KEEP PEACE IN THE WORLD, SO "LET THEM LIVE UP TO IT. IT'S NOT A ONE-WAY STREET."

THE ILA LEADER SAID HE HAD GOTTEN MANY LETTERS PROTESTING RUSSIAN SUPPORT FOR THE ARABS, WHO ARE CUTTING BACK THEIR CRUDE OIL SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES IN AN EFFORT TO CUT OFF AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

ONE LETTER WRITER ARGUED, HE SAID, THAT "IF THE RUSSIANS ARE GOING TO KEEP US COLD THIS WINTER, LET'S KEEP THE RUSSIANS HUNGRY" BY CUTTING OFF THE GRAIN SHIPMENT.

GLEASON SPOKE FOR ALL THE MARITIME UNIONS EXCEPT THE WEST COAST LONGSHOREMEN WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE AFL-CIO.

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